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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD OF SELECTING A PORTION OF A BLOCK OF DATA FOR DISPLAY BASED ON CHARACTERISTICS OF A DISPLAY DEVICE

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	09/534,832	SHINTANI ET AL.	
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1. This communication is responsive to Amendment and Response filed on 6/1/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-28.
3. The drawings filed on 02 June 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-28 are allowed.

As to independent claim 1, the prior art, alone or in combination, does not teach or fairly suggest the claimed in a video device, a method of determining a portion of a block of text-based data to be provided to a display device, said method comprising: receiving said block of text-based data; receiving an input regarding an appearance of said display device, said input is provided by said display device; selecting said portion of said block of text-based data to be displayed on said display device based on said input; formatting said portion of said block of text-based data to create an image frame for said display device; and communicating said image frame to said display device. As for the most pertinent prior art of record, the Terasawa et al (USPN 6,147,714) reference discloses in a video device, a method of determining a portion of a block of text-based data to be provided to a display device. The claimed method of receiving said block of text-based data is met by tuner 21 of a front end (receiving means) 20, which receives the data (see col. 11, lines 48-52 and col. 12, line 64 – col. 13, line 9). The claimed method of receiving an input regarding an appearance of said display device, is met in-part by manipulating the remote commander 5 (which is an input device), or another means of input, and setting an aspect ratio based on the display device 4 (col. 22, lines 10-33). The claimed method of selecting said portion of said block of text-based data to be displayed on said display device is met by the CPU 29 reading the program data on the broadcast channels and selecting a

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predetermined amount to be displayed (see col. 15, lines 15-43 and col. 22, lines 10-33).

Moreover, Terasawa specifically teaches in col. 22, lines 24-27, that, “the above-described category icons and station logos may be substituted with names or numbers...” (also see Figs. 41-44, which clearly show text-based data). Names or numbers are inherently text-based data. In addition, Terasawa teaches that the EPG data primarily contains text (col. 4, lines 16-19) and characters or letters (col. 6, lines 43-67) and further teaches in col. 12, line 64 – col. 13, line 3, that the EPG information or data comprises channels, broadcast time, tiles and categories of the programs. The claimed method of formatting said portion of said block of text-based data to create an image frame for said display device is met by the EPG data as previously described above, as well as the receiver 2 producing frames of an electronic program guide (EPG) from the EPG data transmitted (see col. 4, line 63 – col. 5, line 5). The claimed method of communicating said image frame to said display device is met by displaying the image frames of the EPG data on the monitor (col. 5, lines 1-5). However, the Terasawa et al reference does not explicitly disclose the claimed method of receiving an input regarding an appearance of said display device, [wherein] said input is provided by said display device. The Spurlock reference (USPN 5,654,738) discloses, as described in the abstract, a file-based video display mode setup where a computer system and method of operating the same to setup a graphics display driver and device are disclosed...during a setup routine, the computer system determines the monitor and graphics controller that are installed, and for each available driver program, selects a video mode compatible with each; if more than one video mode is compatible, the computer system may select the best video mode. Upon selection of the video mode, and upon installation of the driver, the computer system reads the video parameters from the mode file for the selected mode, such

video parameters stored in an interpretive language, and executes the program in order to program the graphics controller according to the video parameters (see the Abstract, Fig. 1 bus 15, and col. 3, line 43 – col. 4, line 53). However, while Spurlock discloses an input provided by the display device, the computer system uses the information to set up available display drivers, but does not use a method of determining a portion of a block of text-based data to be provided to a display device...and selecting said portion of said block of text-based data to be displayed on said display device based on said input; formatting said portion of said block of text-based data to create an image frame for said display device; and communicating said image frame to said display device. One of ordinary skill in the art would not have been led to modify the Terasawa et al reference with the Spurlock reference to arrive at the applicant's invention. In the applicant's claimed invention these features are specifically disclosed.

As to independent claims 14 and 27, the claims are allowable based on similar reasons as described above for claim 1.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Suga et al (USPN 6,215,467) – Discloses a display control apparatus and method and display apparatus.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael W. Hoye whose telephone number is (703) 305-6954. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 5 PM.

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Michael W. Hoye
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